## STATE OF ALASKA SENATE

## 2022

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Relating to nonprofit, nongovernmental organization support for veterans in Alaska.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS Alaska has the highest ratio of veterans in the United States; and

WHEREAS veterans from Alaska have served the nation with the highest degree of sacrifice and valor and veterans' families have also made great sacrifices in service to the nation; and

WHEREAS there are high rates of mental health issues and suicide among veterans; and

WHEREAS the rates of homelessness among veterans in Alaska is unacceptable; and WHEREAS many nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations support job training and mental health services for veterans, as well as facilitating the transition into civilian life after service; and

WHEREAS residents of Alaska generously contribute to nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations with the intent to help veterans located in Alaska; and

WHEREAS significant amounts of funds raised in Alaska for veterans are used by nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations for purposes that do not directly support veterans

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located in Alaska;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate strongly supports nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that aid veterans; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate strongly encourages, to the greatest extent possible, nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations to use funds raised in Alaska for veterans through the generosity of Alaska residents to aid veterans in Alaska; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate strongly encourages nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations to openly disclose, for the funds each donor contributes to aid veterans, the percentage of those funds that is used to aid veterans in Alaska and the purpose for which the funds are used.